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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David Y. Jung

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 14-22 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments are given in the Remarks section at pages 5-7.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

At pages 5-7, Applicant argued that Mullor would teach away from a combination with Asai because "non-volatile memory of computer" as mentioned in Mullor would teach away from the type of storage such as CD-ROM. The Patent Office disagrees because a non-volatile memory of a computer is often actuated as a CD-ROM. Thus, the Office must conclude, at this time, that Applicant's arguments have been insufficiently persuasive.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mullor and Asai (both cited in the previous Office Actions).

Regarding claim 14, Mullor teaches all but "portable storage medium." See Col 5, Line 45 - Col 6, Line 3, 1 which discusses the restricting of use. Note that the very title of Mullor states its relation to license limitation. See also column 1, lines 53-58; column 2, lines 48-59; column 4, lines 19-24.

Asai teaches "portable storage medium" for the motivation of distributing software. See Fig 1 , Elements 14 and 16b

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify the teachings of Mullor and Asai for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 15-17, these features are well known in the art for the purposes of distribution and security.

Regarding claim 18, Mullor teaches all but "storage medium" being "portable." See Col 5, Line 45 - Col 6, Line 3, 1 which discusses the restricting of use.

Asai teaches "storage medium" being "portable" for the motivation of distributing software. See Fig 1 , Elements 14 and 16b

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify the teachings of Mullor and Asai for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 19, these features are well known in the art for the purposes of distribution and security.

Regarding claim 20, Mullor teaches all but "portable storage medium." See Col 5, Line 45 - Col 6, Line 3, 1 which discusses the restricting of use.

Asai teaches "portable storage medium" for the motivation of distributing software. See Fig 1 , Elements 14 and 16b

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify the teachings of Mullor and Asai for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 21-22, these features are well known in the art for the purposes of distribution and security.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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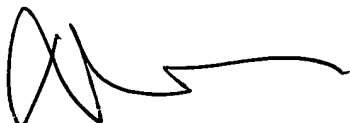
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David Jung

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Patent Examiner

12/19/06